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SUBJ: CIVAIR: WORLD AIRWAYS CHARTERS

REF: STATE 48322

1. ECOUNS AND EMBOFF SAW O'CONNOR PR INSTRUCTIONS  
REFTEL AND WERE TOLD DENIAL OF TWO WORLD CHARTERS  
TORONTO- MALAGA MUST STAND.

2. O'CONNOR NOTED APPLICATION THESE FLIGHTS RECEIVED  
HIS OFFICE ONLY MARCH 12. ADDED HIS UNDERSTANDING  
ALL CHARTER FLIGHTS ARRANGED AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN  
ADVANCE. STATED WORLD AND OTHER CHARTER COMPANIES  
HAD OFTEN POSTPONED APPLICATIONS IN FULL KNOWLEDGE THEY  
OUTSIDE REGULATIONS, IN ORDER TO ARGUE CONCENIENCE  
OF PASSENGERS AND TOURIST BENEFIT TO SPAIN. BUT,  
O'CONNOR CONTINUED, THIS HAS NOW BEEN GOING ON FOR  
TWO YEARS AND THESE EXCEPTIONAL CASES HAVE BECOME  
THE RULE.

3. O'CONNOR WENT ON TO STATE THAT POLICY HAD LONG BEEN  
AGAINST FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC BETWEEN CANADA AND SPAIN,  
THERE BEING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THESE COUNTRIES TO  
SHARE THIS MARKET. O'CONNOR STATED MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND  
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TOURISM AWARE OF AND IN FAVOR OF THIS  
POLICY.

4. HE EMPHASIZED TO ECOUNS THE DECISION TO REJECT FURTHER  
FIFTY FREEDOM CHARTERS FROM CANADA WAS NOT A MANEUVER ON  
THE PART OF THE GOS TO PRESSURE THE US ON THE GENERAL  
CHARTER ISSUE ALTHOUGH ON THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE  
US RESPONDED TO THE GENERAL QUESTION OF CHARTERS.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT OTHER CHARTERS FROM CANADA- SPAIN  
APPROVED IN THE PAST, STATED THESE DUE TO APPROVALS  
BEFORE COMMENCEMENT PRESENT POLICY. FY O'CONNOR ADDED  
THERE WAS ONE CASE OF ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES APPROVING  
A CHARTER FLIGHT IN VIOLATION HIS INSTRUCTION. HE  
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WAS NO INETHICAL CONDUCT  
INVOLVED.

6. INTERVIEW CONCLUDED WITH O'CONNOR REEMPHASIZING GOS  
POLICY AGAINST FIFTY FREEDOM CHARTERS FROM CANADA.  
STATED IN ANSWER ECOUNS QUESTION NOT GOS PRACTICE  
SETFORTH THIS POLICY YET IN WRITTEN REGULATIONS.  
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ALERT WORLD AND OTHER US CHARTER  
CARRIERS POSSIBILITY FURTHER CANCELLATIONS CANADA- SPAIN  
CHARTER FLIGHTS BY US CARRIERS.

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